

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 2

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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Ka mau te wehi! Our school lunches are AMAZING!! It has been absolutely wonderful to see our tamariki enjoy their beautifully prepared and delicious kai for their lunch. The joy on their faces and their feedback has shown us that within the first two days, the school lunches are a hit. Many thanks to all those whānau who sent back the form identifying allergies and cultural requirements, as this has been successfully implemented by the lunch provider company. Please remember to keep sending your child with a packed morning tea, brainfood and water bottle for the day.



Akomanga 9 with their school lunches

School Permissions

Once upon a time, we used to send a form home each year seeking your permission on a range of aspects about your child. Last year, we changed to an electronic form, where you had to digitally complete the permission form. This year, we have reviewed our process and have decided that if you have already completed the form, then your consent is given for the remainder of your child's time at our school - unless you tell us differently. If you are new to our school this year, you would have completed the form at the time of enrolment. The Permissions asked for your consent on the following:

- that your child can attend and be transported on trips within the city limits
- that we are allowed to administer first aid for your child
- that we are allowed to administer pain relief (only Pamol or Panadol)
- that your child is allowed to be visited by a healthcare professional, eg: nurse, vision and hearing
- that your child's image can be published online (no surnames used)
- that if needed, we can share information about your child to another agency, eg: Speech Language Therapist, Resource Teacher of Behaviour, Occupational Therapist, Counsellor
- that if your child does not use mobile devices correctly, that we will have a chat with you about it

If at any time you would like to check what you have or have not given permission for, the office or your child's teacher can check this for you. Thank you for your support with this.

Bangers and Maths

Next Thursday is our first community event - Bangers and Maths! Normally we would start the year with a whānau picnic. However, this year we are beginning with a fantastic afternoon of fun and learning! Our maths facilitator, Dinah, will be here to share with you our approach to maths and how maths is not something to be scared of,



Rich Maths Games - Akomanga 5

or something to hate - but a subject that is rich in patterns, fun and problem solving. Maths is also not just about solving equations and basic facts, but applying strategies to find solutions, to try, make mistakes and have a go! Many of us grew up with a negative mindset about maths and we are really trying to stop that for our tamariki - we want our tamariki to love maths!!

On Thursday, Dinah will talk with whānau for about half an hour about our changing approach to maths, which is also backed up by research and evidence. Dinah is a great presenter who easily engages people. While she is talking, we will entertain the tamariki with games and activities on the field. We will then provide a free sausage sizzle (bangers), followed by fun maths games and activities for our tamariki and kaiako to play and share with you - hence the name, Bangers and Maths!



Akomanga 8 enjoying their swimming lessons with Kelly Sports

We really look forward to seeing you all next week.

Health and Safety and Protected Learning

A common question or wondering from whānau is, 'why are the school gates locked during the day?' There are two very good reasons for this:

1. Health and Safety. By keeping the gates locked, we can ensure that our tamariki are safely inside our school grounds. It also means that any visitors who come to our school, must come via the school office and sign in, so we know who is on site.
2. Protected Learning. One aspect we learned from post COVID Alert Levels, is protected learning time. By keeping the gates closed until 2.55pm, means our tamariki are not distracted from their learning when they see someone they know outside their class - we are able to better keep their attention and focus. We sometimes too, had children who were regularly being picked up early from 2.45pm onwards (sometimes earlier). It may not seem like a big deal, but if a child was picked up at 2.45pm each day, this would be **1 hour and 15 minutes of lost learning time** each week.

We really appreciate your understanding with this - ngā mihi koutou whānau.

Sport

At our school, we pride ourselves with being able to provide our tamariki with a range of sports to match their interests. Recently, we have sent two pānui (notices) out about sport - Netball and Cricket. Netball is currently being offered for our Year 3 and 4 students and Cricket is being offered for our Year 5 and 6 students. Notices about sport are posted to our school Facebook page. If at any time you have any questions about sport at our school, please contact our Sports Coordinator, Kathryn, either at school or by email: kwatson@centralnormal.school.nz

Bangers and Maths
Next Thursday 18 February from 5.30pm

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